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Paul C. Besozzi, Esq. Squire Patton Boggs LLP 2550 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20037

Re: D.T.C. Docket No. 11-16

Dear Mr. Besozzi:

I am writing in response to your August 2, 2016, letter to Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") Secretary, Sara Clark. In that letter you request that Securus Technologies, Inc. ("Securus") be removed from the Department's Docket No. 11-16 service list. Because Securus is a specifically-named person whose legal rights, duties, or privileges are being determined in this proceeding, Securus is a party to the proceeding and cannot be removed from the proceeding's service list absent a decision of the Department under 220 C.M.R. § 1.12.¹ Further, under the Department's regulations, a request of the Department to take any action after initial pleading must be by motion stating specifically the grounds therefor and setting forth the action sought.² The August 2, 2016, letter does not meet this standard.

As a result of the foregoing, Securus will remain on the service list for this proceeding. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sean Carroll Hearing Officer

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See 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(2)(a) (defining "party"); Pet. of Recipients of Collect Calls from Prisoners at Correctional Insts. in Mass. Seeking Relief from the Unjust & Unreasonable Cost of such Calls, D.T.C. 11-16, Amendment #1 & Supplement on Quality of Serv. (May 18, 2010) (naming Securus as a party).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 220 C.M.R. § 1.04(5)(a).